FARMERS BRANCH

City of Farmers Branch
13000 William Dodson Parkway
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

January 13, 2014

Dear Farmers Branch Resident,

On December 17, 2013, the Farmers Branch City Council approved hiring an engineering firm to study and review the low water flows in Farmers Branch Creek.

Recently, concerns were raised by residents regarding potential conflicts of interest between the engineering firm and the Town of Addison. As a result of these concerns, the City Manager appointed me to be the project manager to better insure that an unbiased, thorough study of the flows in Farmers Branch Creek would be conducted.

I have worked for the City of Farmers Branch for over fifteen (15) years in the environmental health division and have tackled many complex environmental issues in the City including, but not limited to, the former battery plant; the pesticide formulation facility adjacent to the historical park; former police firing range; and the former dry cleaner next to the Senior Center. I have reviewed countless work proposals from environmental contractors over the years and have always strived to be a good steward of our tax dollars and our environment.

At the directions of the City Manager, I conducted a search and found a highly qualified, national engineering firm which we believe has no perceived or actual conflicts with the City of Addison. The national engineering firm has developed a comprehensive, proposed scope of work to study and, to the extent reasonably possible, answer the many questions that have arisen regarding possible water impacts associated with the development of Vitruvian Park in Addison.

The Town of Addison has agreed to allow an engineering firm access to Vitruvian Park for the study. Addison staff have expressed a willingness to work with the City of Farmers Branch to find mutually agreeable solutions to low downstream water flow identified in the study to the extent that are determined to be caused by or connected to the Vitruvian Park improvements.

Farmers Branch staff has agreed to notify Addison staff each time the engineers performing the study need access to the park in order that they may have staff available to meet the engineers if they so desire.

On **Tuesday, January 21, 2014**, the proposed scope of work and request to retain the national engineering firm will be on the City Council Agenda. The City Council Study Session starts at 4PM and the regular City Council Meeting starts at 6:30 PM if you would like to attend. Additionally, the City of Farmers Branch will have a web link on the front page of our website at www.farmersbranchtx.gov and click on the Farmers Branch Creek Flow Study on the left side of the front web page. The creek study page will have up to date information and regular updates, beginning on or before January 15, 2014.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact me at (972) 919-2539 or Stacy.Wright@farmersbranchtx.gov at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wright

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Director of Environmental Services

City of Farmers Branch

cc: Farmers Branch City Council

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